UNITED
NATIONS

A

General Assembly

Distr.
GENERAL

A/50/842
23 December 1995
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: FRENCH

Fiftieth session
Agenda item 116

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Peter MADDENS (Belgium)

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 3rd to 5th, 7th, 10th to 13th, 15th to 18th, 20th to 24th and 38th to 45th meetings, on 4, 10, 11, 17, 20, 27, 30 and 31 October, 1 to 3, 6 and 7 November and 7, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 22 December 1995.

3. The comments and observations made in the course of the discussion of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.3-5, 7, 10-13, 15-18, 20-24 and 38-45).

4. Section II of the present report reflects the decisions taken by the Fifth Committee on the first reading of individual expenditure and income sections.

5. Under section III of the present report a summary is provided for the recommendations of the Fifth Committee during the current session on revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General as well as on the programme budget implications of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly either on the recommendations of its Main Committees or in respect of items dealt with in plenary meeting.

6. Section IV of the present report provides a summary of the special subjects considered by the Fifth Committee, other than the programme budget implications of draft resolutions recommended by other Main Committees, which led to the adoption of specific decisions to be recommended to the General Assembly.

7. The recommendations of the Fifth Committee are contained in section V of the present report.

I. INTRODUCTION

8. Under agenda item 116, the Fifth Committee considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. The Committee recommends a gross appropriation of $2,608,274,000 and an estimate for income (other than income derived from staff assessment) of $87,095,700. The net expenditure for the biennium 1996-1997 is thus estimated at $2,521,178,300. 1/

9. With regard to the Working Capital Fund, the Fifth Committee recommends that the Fund should be at the level of $100 million.

10. The Fifth Committee also recommends an estimate of $384,306,000 as staff assessment for transfer in the course of the biennium 1996-1997 to the Tax Equalization Fund, from which credits are distributed to Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955.

11. For its examination of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, the Fifth Committee had before it, as basic documents, the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 submitted by the Secretary-General, 2/ the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 3/ and the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-fifth session. 4/ Revised estimates and programme budget implications affecting various appropriation sections were subsequently considered on the basis of reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

12. In accordance with the guidelines for the contingency fund as annexed to General Assembly resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987, the Fifth Committee, at its 44th meeting, on 21 December 1995, considered a consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates that were subject to the criteria for the use of the contingency fund (A/C.5/50/49) and the corresponding report of the Advisory Committee, which was presented orally. The consolidated amount fell within the available balance of the contingency fund. The Committee, therefore, proceeded to approve the required amounts under the relevant sections of the programme budget.

1/ The financing of the requirements for 1996 is dealt with in draft resolution II C (see para. 39).

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6/Rev.1), vols. I and II.

3/ Ibid., Supplement No. 7 (A/50/7).

4/ A/50/16 (to be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 16).

13. The general debate on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 was held at the 3rd to 5th, 7th, 10th and 11th meetings, on 4, 10, 11, 17, 20 and 27 October 1995. The debate is reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.3-5, 7, 10 and 11).

14. Introductory statements were made by the Secretary-General and the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at the 3rd meeting, on 4 October 1995 (see A/C.5/50/SR.3). The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the Committee's report at the 11th meeting, on 27 October 1995 (see A/C.5/50/SR.11).

15. Individual sections of the proposed programme budget were considered in first reading by the Committee during the meetings indicated below:

Expenditure section	Meetings
1	12th and 45th
2	12th and 45th
3	12th and 45th
4	12th and 45th
5	13th and 45th
6	13th and 45th
7A	15th and 45th
7B	15th and 45th
8	15th and 45th
9	15th and 45th
10A	16th and 45th
10B	16th and 45th
11	16th and 45th
12	16th and 45th
13	16th and 45th
14	16th and 45th
15	17th and 45th
16	17th and 45th
17	17th and 45th
18	18th and 45th
19	18th and 45th
20	18th and 45th
21	20th and 45th
22	21st and 45th
23	21st and 45th
24	21st and 45th
25	22nd and 45th
26	22nd, 23rd and 45th
27	23rd and 45th
28	23rd and 45th
29	23rd and 45th
30	24th and 45th
31	24th and 45th
32	24th and 45th
33	24th and 45th
Income section	
1	24th and 45th
2	24th and 45th
3	24th and 45th

II. FIRST READING OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES

16. The results of the decisions taken by the Committee at the first reading on individual expenditure and income sections are as follows:

		Recommended appropriation (United States dollars)
Expenditure section		
PART I.	Overall policy-making direction and coordination	
1.	Overall policy-making direction and coordination	40 222 800
PART II.	Political affairs	
2.	Political affairs	59 786 500
3.	Peace-keeping operations and special missions	87 248 300
4.	Outer space affairs	4 705 500
PART III.	International justice and law	
5.	International Court of Justice	21 339 600
6.	Legal activities	31 605 400
PART IV.	International cooperation for development	
7A.	Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development	43 481 300
7B.	Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development	4 305 100
8.	Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis	48 612 100
9.	Department for Development Support and Management Services	26 556 000
10A.	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	121 925 300
10B.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT	21 642 000
11.	United Nations Environment Programme	9 512 200
12.	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	13 059 600
13.	Crime control	5 174 600
14.	International drug control	17 344 100
PART V.	Regional cooperation for development	
15.	Economic Commission for Africa	87 845 600
16.	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	66 379 300
17.	Economic Commission for Europe	52 883 100

/...

		Recommended appropriation (United States dollars)
	18. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	88 327 200
	19. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	37 791 200
	20. Regular programme of technical cooperation	44 814 700
PART VI.	Human rights and humanitarian affairs	
	21. Human rights	52 857 600
	22. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	54 318 500
	23. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	22 643 000
	24. Department of Humanitarian Affairs	21 039 300
PART VII.	Public information	
	25. Public information	137 658 000
PART VIII.	Common support services	
	26. Administration and management	960 885 100
PART IX.	Jointly financed activities and special expenses	
	27. Jointly financed administrative activities	28 915 000
	28. Special expenses	41 701 700
PART X.	Office of Internal Oversight Services	
	29. Office of Internal Oversight Services	15 716 500
PART XI.	Capital expenditures	
	30. Technological innovations	21 999 600
	31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	31 585 400
PART XII.	Staff assessment	
	32. Staff assessment	367 453 200
PART XIII.	International Seabed Authority	
	33. International Seabed Authority	1 308 200
	Total, expenditure sections	2 692 642 600
Income section		
1.	Income from staff assessment	382 679 100
2.	General income	86 209 200
3.	Services to the public	886 500
	Total, income sections	469 774 800

III. SECOND READING OF THE BUDGET ESTIMATES

17. Decisions taken at the first reading by the Fifth Committee concerning certain expenditure and income sections were affected by actions taken by the Committee on questions relating to the proposed programme budget (see para. 39, draft resolution I) and by actions taken on the basis of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee regarding certain revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General and on the appropriations required for the implementation of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its current session on the recommendation of other Main Committees.

18. The requirements under the various sections of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 approved by the Fifth Committee are as follows:

	Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
Expenditure section		
1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination		
I. Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	40 222 800	
II. Financial implications:		
Environment and sustainable development: implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development - special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (A/C.5/50/43, A/C.5/50/SR.41)	125 400	
Total, section 1		40 348 200
2. Political affairs		
I. Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	59 786 500	
II. Revised estimates:		
International Commission of Inquiry in Burundi (1 January-31 March 1996) (A/C.5/50/45, A/C.5/50/SR.40)	1 203 000	
Total, section 2		60 989 500

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
3.	Peace-keeping operations and special missions		
	I. Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	87 248 300	
	II. Financial implications:		
	The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development - Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador (MINUSAL) (1 January-30 April 1996) (A/C.5/50/14, A/50/7/Add.3, A/C.5/50/SR.11 and 12, A/50/700)	886 900	
	The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development - Central American peace process (A/C.5/50/36, A/C.5/50/SR.41)	320 300	
	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan - United Nations Special Mission to Afghanistan and Office of the Secretary-General in Afghanistan (A/C.5/50/42, A/C.5/50/SR.41)	2 684 400	
	The situation in Burundi (A/C.5/50/48, A/C.5/50/SR.43)	1 872 000	
	III. Revised estimates:		
	The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti - International Civilian Mission to Haiti (MICIVIH) (1 January-7 February 1996) (A/C.5/50/25, A/50/7/Add.5, A/C.5/50/SR.40)	2 042 900	
	The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development - United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala (MINUGUA) (1 January-31 March 1996) (A/C.5/50/26, A/50/7/Add.9, A/C.5/50/SR.40)	7 124 800	
	International Commission of Inquiry in Rwanda (1 January-30 April 1996) (A/C.5/50/27, A/50/7/Add.4, A/C.5/50/SR.40)	688 600	
	Total, section 3		102 868 200

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
4.	Outer space affairs		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	4 705 500	
	Total, section 4		4 705 500
5.	International Court of Justice		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	21 339 600	
	Total, section 5		21 339 600
6.	Legal activities		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	31 605 400	
	Total, section 6		31 605 400
7A.	Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development		
	I. Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	43 481 300	
	II. Financial implications:		
	Environment and sustainable development: implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development - special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (A/C.5/50/43, A/C.5/50/SR.41)	72 000	
	Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace - follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (A/C.5/50/44, A/C.5/50/SR.41 and 43)	356 600	
	III. Revised estimates:		
	Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions of 1995 (A/C.5/50/31, A/C.5/50/SR.41)	408 800	
	Total, section 7A		44 318 700

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
7B.	Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	4 305 100	
	Total, section 7B		4 305 100
8.	Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	48 612 100	
	Total, section 8		48 612 100
9.	Department for Development Support and Management Services		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	26 556 000	
	Total, section 9		26 556 000
10A.	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	121 925 300	
	Total, section 10A		121 925 300
10B.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	21 642 000	
	Total, section 10B		21 642 000
11.	United Nations Environment Programme		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	9 512 200	
	Total, section 11		9 512 200
12.	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	13 059 600	
	Total, section 12		13 059 600
13.	Crime control		
	I. Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	5 174 600	
	II. Revised estimates:		
	Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions of 1995 (A/C.5/50/31, A/C.5/50/SR.41)	80 000	
	Total, section 13		5 254 600

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
14.	International drug control		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	17 344 100	
	Total, section 14		17 344 100
15.	Economic Commission for Africa		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	87 845 600	
	Total, section 15		87 845 600
16.	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	66 379 300	
	Total, section 16		66 379 300
17.	Economic Commission for Europe		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	52 883 100	
	Total, section 17		52 883 100
18.	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	88 327 200	
	Total, section 18		88 327 200
19.	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	37 791 200	
	Total, section 19		37 791 200
20.	Regular programme of technical cooperation		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	44 814 700	
	Total, section 20		44 814 700
21.	Human rights		
	I. Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	52 857 600	
	II. Revised estimates:		
	Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions of 1995 (A/C.5/50/31, A/C.5/50/SR.41)	130 000	
	Total, section 21		52 987 600

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
22.	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	54 318 500	
	Total, section 22		54 318 500
23.	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	22 643 000	
	Total, section 23		22 643 000
24.	Department of Humanitarian Affairs		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	21 039 300	
	Total, section 24		21 039 300
25.	Public information		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	137 658 000	
	Total, section 25		137 658 000
26.	Administration and management		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	960 885 100	
	Total, section 26		960 885 100
27.	Jointly financed administrative activities		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	28 915 000	
	Total, section 27		28 915 000
28.	Special expenses		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	41 701 700	
	Total, section 28		41 701 700
29.	Office of Internal Oversight Services		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	15 716 500	
	Total, section 29		15 716 500
30.	Technological innovations		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	21 999 600	
	Total, section 30		21 999 600

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
31.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	31 585 400	
	Total, section 31		31 585 400
32.	Staff assessment		
	I. Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	367 453 200	
	II. Financial implications:		
	The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development - Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador - MINUSAL (1 January-30 April 1996) (A/C.5/50/14, A/50/7/Add.3, A/C.5/50/SR.11 and 12, A/50/700)	105 000	
	The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development - Central American peace process (A/C.5/50/36, A/C.5/50/SR.41)	60 900	
	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan - United Nations Special Mission to Afghanistan and Office of the Secretary-General in Afghanistan (1 January-31 December 1996) (A/C.5/50/42, A/C.5/50/SR.41)	269 200	
	Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace - follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (A/C.5/50/44, A/C.5/50/SR.41 and 43)	76 800	
	The situation in Burundi (A/C.5/50/48, A/C.5/50/SR.43)	171 000	
	III. Revised estimates:		
	The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti - International Civilian Mission to Haiti (MICIVIH) (1 January-7 February 1996) (A/C.5/50/25, A/50/7/Add.5, A/C.5/50/SR.40)	278 200	

	Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development - United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala (MINUGUA) (1 January-31 March 1996) (A/C.5/50/26, A/50/7/Add.9, A/C.5/50/SR.40)	554 800	
International Commission of Inquiry in Rwanda (1 January-30 April 1996) (A/C.5/50/27, A/50/7/Add.4, A/C.5/50/SR.40)	54 200	
International Commission of Inquiry in Burundi (1 January-31 March 1996) (A/C.5/50/45, A/C.5/50/SR.41)	56 800	
Total, section 32		369 080 100
33. International Seabed Authority		
Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	1 308 200	
Total, section 33		1 308 200
Total, expenditure sections		2 712 265 200
Income section		
1. Income from staff assessment		
I. Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	382 679 100	
II. Financial implications:		
The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development - Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador - MINUSAL (1 January-30 April 1996) (A/C.5/50/14, A/50/7/Add.3, A/C.5/50/SR.11 and 12, A/50/700)	105 000	
The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development - Central American peace process (A/C.5/50/36, A/C.5/50/SR.41)	60 900	

		Amount approved (United States dollars)	Total
	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan - United Nations Special Mission to Afghanistan and Office of the Secretary-General in Afghanistan (A/C.5/50/42, A/C.5/50/SR.41)	269 200	
	Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace - follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (A/C.5/50/44, A/C.5/50/SR.41 and 43)	76 800	
	The situation in Burundi (A/C.5/50/48, A/C.5/50/SR.43)	171 000	
III.	Revised estimates:		
	The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti - International Civilian Mission to Haiti (MICIVIH) (1 January-7 February 1996) (A/C.5/50/25, A/50/7/Add.5, A/C.5/50/SR.40)	278 200	
	The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development - United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala (MINUGUA) (1 January-31 March 1996) (A/C.5/50/26, A/50/7/Add.9, A/C.5/50/SR.40)	554 800	
	International Commission of Inquiry in Rwanda (1 January-30 April 1996) (A/C.5/50/27, A/50/7/Add.4, A/C.5/50/SR.40)	54 200	
	International Commission of Inquiry in Burundi (1 January-31 March 1996) (A/C.5/50/45, A/C.5/50/SR.41)	56 800	
	Total, income from staff assessment		384 306 000
2.	General income		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	86 209 200	
	Total, general income		86 209 200
3.	Services to the public		
	Approved in first reading at the 45th meeting	886 500	
	Total, services to the public		886 500
	Total, income sections		471 401 700

19. At the 45th meeting, on 22 December, the Vice-Chairman introduced draft resolution A/C.5/50/L.30. The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 39, draft resolution I).

20. At the same meeting, the Committee considered the second reading of the proposed programme budget. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolutions II A to C, III, IV and V (see para. 39, draft resolutions II A to C, III, IV and V).

IV. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL SUBJECTS

A. United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala

21. The Committee considered this subject at its 40th and 43rd meetings, on 14 and 20 December 1995. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/50/26) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/50/7/Add.9).

22. At its 43rd meeting, on 20 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, approve the estimate of $7,124,800 for MINUGUA for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996, under section 3, Peace-keeping operations and special missions, of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 and authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding a monthly level of $2,329,700 should the mandate of MINUGUA be extended beyond 31 March 1996 (see para. 39, draft resolution III, sect. I).

B. Revised estimates under section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, section 32, Staff assessment, and income section 1, Income from staff assessment

23. The Committee considered this subject at its 41st meeting, on 17 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/50/40) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/50/7/Add.10).

24. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General and endorse the recommendation of the Advisory Committee to approve a temporary post at the Under-Secretary-General level, and that such additional appropriation as might be required should be reflected in the performance report for the biennium 1996-1997 (see para. 39, draft resolution III, sect. II).

C. Integrated Management Information System project: seventh progress report of the Secretary-General

25. The Committee considered this subject at its 41st meeting, on 17 December 1995. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/50/35). The report of the Advisory Committee was presented orally by its Chairman (see A/C.5/50/SR.41).

26. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee (see para. 39, draft resolution III, sect. III).

D. Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice

27. The Committee considered this subject at its 41st meeting, on 17 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/50/18) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/50/7/Add.11).

28. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General, approve the recommendations of the Advisory Committee thereon and request the Secretary-General to address the issues raised by the Advisory Committee concerning the conditions of service of members of the International Court of Justice in the context of the next review, at the fifty-third session of the Assembly (see para. 39, draft resolution III, sect. IV).

E. Request for subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute contained in the report of the Board (A/50/416)

29. The Committee considered this subject at its 41st meeting, on 17 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/50/20); the related report of the Advisory Committee was presented orally by the Chairman (see A/C.5/50/SR.41).

30. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly approve the recommendation of a subvention of $220,000 from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1996, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 2, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (see para. 39, draft resolution III, sect. V).

F. Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

31. The Committee considered this subject at its 41st and 44th meetings, on 17 and 21 December 1995. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/50/12), which was orally revised at the 41st meeting (see A/C.5/50/SR.41).

32. At its 44th meeting, on 21 December, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the report of the Secretary-General and request the Advisory Committee to report thereon to the Assembly at the first part of its resumed fiftieth session in accordance with established procedures (see para. 39, draft resolution III, sect. VI).

G. Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

33. The Committee considered this subject at its 20th meeting, on 3 November. It had before it the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Staff Pension Board for 1995 to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/50/312) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/50/7/Add.1).

34. The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly concur with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, approve expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling $40,208,300 net for the biennium 1996-1997 and an increase in expenses at $835,500 net for the biennium 1994-1995, for the administration of the Fund, and authorize the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 1996-1997 by an amount not exceeding $200,000 (see para. 39, draft resolution III, sect. VII).

H. Contingency fund

35. The Committee considered this subject at its 45th meeting, on 22 December 1995. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/50/49).

36. At the same meeting, the Committee recommended that the General Assembly note that a balance of $19,427,000 remains in the contingency fund (see para. 39, draft resolution III, sect. VIII).

I. Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses

37. The Committee considered this subject at its 45th meeting, on 22 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/50/30).

38. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, on the recommendation of its Chairman, to consider the report of the Secretary-General at its resumed fiftieth session, and pending a decision on the proposal by the Secretary-General, to authorize him to continue with the current arrangements until a decision is taken on the basis of the report of the Advisory Committee (see para. 39, draft resolution III, sect. IX).

V. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

39. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Questions relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

I

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and subsequent relevant resolutions,

Recalling its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which it reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters,

Recalling also its resolutions 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and 47/214 of 23 December 1992,

Reaffirming the respective mandates of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the consideration of the proposed programme budget,

Stressing that the normal procedures established for the formulation of the programme budget must be maintained and strictly followed,

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 5/ and the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination thereon,

1. Welcomes the timely preparation, and notes the improved format, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

2. Reiterates its request that the Secretary-General present in future budget documents appropriate regular budget and extrabudgetary expenditure forecasts to the end of the current biennium, to enable comparison with the request contained in the proposed programme budget;

3. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the programme narrative of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 contained in the report of the Committee on the work of its thirty-fifth session, 6/ without prejudice to the priorities established by the General Assembly, and subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. Regrets that the Committee for Programme and Coordination was unable to make recommendations on the programme narratives of some sections during its deliberations at its thirty-fifth session;

5. Reiterates that the activities included in the proposed programme budget must be derived from the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 7/ and its revisions as adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 45/253 and 47/214 and other relevant intergovernmental decisions, and should be aimed at the full implementation of the mandates, policies and priorities as approved by the Assembly;

6. Stresses the role of the relevant intergovernmental bodies in the consideration of the narrative of the proposed programme budget as well as the necessity for a timely presentation of their recommendations on the budget;

7. Reiterates the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that resources are strictly utilized for the purposes approved by the General Assembly;

8. Notes with concern that the proposed programme budget did not take into account its resolutions 48/218 A and B of 23 December 1993 and 29 July 1994, respectively, regarding the strengthening of the external oversight control mechanisms;

5/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6/Rev.1), vols. I and II.

6/ A/50/16 (to be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 16).

7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 and corrigendum (A/47/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1), vols. I and II.

9. Regrets that in the proposed programme budget, the Secretary-General failed to respect completely the priorities set forth in resolutions 45/253 and 47/214;

10. Reiterates that, when formulating the proposed programme budget, the Secretary-General must respect fully the priorities established by the General Assembly;

11. Decides to make the following changes in the programme narrative in the final published version of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997: 5/

(a) Amend, as appropriate, references to "island developing States" to read "small island developing States";

(b) In paragraph 71, third sentence, of the Introduction, replace the phrase "in Eastern Europe and the countries in transition" by the phrase "for countries with economies in transition";

(c) In paragraph 1.37, third sentence, after the word "efforts", add the words "to promote international economic cooperation and economic and social development and";

(d) In paragraphs 2.48 and 2.48.1 (a) (iii), delete the phrase "the front-line States", and in paragraph 2.104.3 (b), delete the phrase "but not in Africa";

(e) In paragraph 7A.41, modify the last two lines to read as follows: "encouraging integration with national efforts through such approaches as a programme approach, national execution and country strategy notes, at the request of the recipient Governments";

(f) Redraft paragraph 8.3 as follows: "The main objectives of the Department will be the promotion of an integrated approach to economic, social and environmental aspects of development, including the elaboration of perspectives that will provide for sustainable, equitable and participatory development. The Department will develop and promote a coordinated approach to key policy issues. To that end, the Department will help government, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and others interested in determining ...";

(g) In paragraph 8.6, penultimate sentence, after the word "regulation" add the words "as well as analysis of such issues as the role of markets in fostering growth, the provision of public goods, marginalization and social integration, human resources development, the impact of economic sanctions and the peace-development link";

(h) In paragraph 8.41, modify the last sentence to read: "Recent developments in the world economy reinforce the need to view the development process as being increasingly integrated through economic, social and political linkages";

(i) In paragraph 8.42, delete the third sentence, reading "In the area of security economics, the focus will be on analysing the linkages between political and economic issues and policies", and amend the last sentence to read: "Reporting to the General Assembly and the Security Council (as appropriate) on the impact of multilateral economic sanctions, coercive economic measures, participation of affected countries in post-conflict reconstruction and rehabilitation of the crisis-stricken areas, in the context of provisions of General Assembly resolutions 50/51 of 11 December 1995 and 50/58 E of 12 December 1995, will also be areas of concern";

(j) In paragraph 8.66 (a), first sentence, after the word "flows", add the words "and the causes, impact and different consequences of such movements including the human rights aspects ...";

(k) In paragraph 9.8, after the word "Unit", insert the words "for countries with economies in transition";

(l) In paragraph 9.8 (e), delete the words "at the same time, the fellowships and technical assistance recruitment function at Geneva will be discontinued";

(m) In paragraph 9.21, third and fourth sentences, after the word "provided", add the words "upon request of Government";

(n) In paragraph 9.24, second sentence, replace the words "sustainable human development" by the words "sustained economic growth and sustainable development"; and delete the words "as well as, where appropriate, within the context of the peace-to-development continuum";

(o) In paragraph 9.29, first sentence, after the words "Agenda 21", add the words "In the context of permanent sovereignty over natural resources and of an integral approach to environment and development,";

(p) In paragraph 10A.4, add the following to the list of subsidiary bodies: Commission on Science and Technology for Development;

(q) In paragraph 13.13, first sentence, after the words "sophisticated forms", add the words "such as illicit traffic of children, child prostitution and child pornography";

(r) In paragraph 18.28, after the first sentence, add the sentence "All these activities will be implemented upon request of interested Governments, taking into account their national priorities.";

(s) In paragraph 20.15, first sentence, after the words "are implemented" insert the words "upon the request of Governments in accordance with their national programmes and priorities";

(t) In paragraph 20.22, at the end of the first sentence, add the words "by resolution 47/214 and subsequent relevant resolutions";

(u) In paragraph 21.2, at the end of the first sentence, add the words ", in particular General Assembly resolution 48/121 of 20 December 1993, by which the Assembly endorsed the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and resolution 48/141 of the same date, by which the Assembly created the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights"; and delete the rest of paragraph 21.2;

(v) Delete paragraphs 21.3 to 21.6;

(w) In paragraph 24.4, last sentence, after the words "humanitarian advocate", add the words "consistent with the leadership role of the Secretary-General and the guiding principles including the principles of impartiality, humanity and neutrality set out in resolution 46/182";

(x) At the end of paragraph 24.18.1.(h), delete the words "and initiate a regime to limit stockpiling, production and trade of land-mines";

(y) In paragraph 25.1, delete the reference to document A/49/6;

(z) In paragraph 25.11, replace the third sentence by the following: "In that context, the activities of the United Nations information centres and the public information programmes of the Department, including those in support of major United Nations conferences, are aimed at supporting the main activities of the Organization, emphasizing those related to peace, security and disarmament, economic and social development, human rights and other political affairs, such as the question of Palestine, in accordance with resolution 48/44 B. The activities of the centres and the Department, as well as the production of articles in magazines, radio and television broadcasts, and of a variety of important publications, have all contributed substantially to promoting that understanding all over the world.";

(aa) In paragraph 25.12.3 (b) (ii), after the reference to the "Agenda for Peace", add the words "already approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 47/120 A and B";

(bb) In paragraph 25.91, redraft the first sentence to read: "Information centres play a vital role in collecting, analysing, summarizing and providing Headquarters with analysis, media summaries and clippings on developments related to all United Nations activities, including those related to international peace and security.";

(cc) In paragraph 26C.58, add an additional subparagraph reading "(f) Providing language training in the six official languages."; and in paragraph 5, add a reference to resolution 50/11 of 2 November 1995;

(dd) In paragraph 29.3, first sentence, before the word "peace-keeping", add the word "development";

(ee) Redraft paragraph 29.4 as follows: "The objectives of the programme include ensuring compliance with resolutions of the General Assembly and with regulations, rules and policies of the United Nations; to monitor programme implementation and evaluate the results achieved; to review and appraise the use

of financial resources of the United Nations in order to guarantee the implementation of programmes and legislative mandates; to investigate alleged violations of United Nations regulations, rules and pertinent administrative issuances; and to recommend policies and measures for the promotion of economy and efficiency based on these audits, inspections and investigations, in accordance with resolution 48/218 B";

(ff) In paragraph 29.26 (a), first sentence, add the United Nations Office at Nairobi to the list;

II

Emphasizing that programmes and activities mandated by the General Assembly must be respected and implemented fully,

Also emphasizing the need for mandated programmes and activities to be delivered in the most effective and efficient manner,

Noting those areas identified in chapter I of the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 8/ where the Advisory Committee, without recommending reductions at present, believes economies can be achieved, including, inter alia, the productivity gains that can be realized as the result of technological innovations, review of publications, strict control of expenditures on travel and consultants, appropriate staff ratios and the possibilities for greater accuracy in forecasting costing standards,

1. Approves the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as expressed in chapter I of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to take necessary measures thereon;

2. Reaffirms the budgetary process as approved in its resolution 41/213;

3. Welcomes the efforts of the Secretary-General to enhance efficiency in the preparation of his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

4. Reaffirms that changes in mandated programmes and activities are the prerogative of the General Assembly;

5. Notes that the Secretary-General intends to pursue further efficiency gains on an ongoing basis and that gains in the order of magnitude of 100 million United States dollars during the biennium would be a reasonable expectation;

8/ Ibid., Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 7 and corrigendum (A/50/7 and Corr.1).

6. Decides that savings in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 will not affect the full implementation of mandated programmes and activities;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to present, as soon as possible, and no later than 31 March 1996, to the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions a report containing proposals of possible savings for its consideration and approval;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to make proposals to the General Assembly as soon as possible, and no later than the fifty-first session, on further measures to improve efficiency, contain administrative costs and achieve savings in the Organization with a view to enhancing programme delivery and the implementation of all programmes and activities mandated by the General Assembly;

9. Further requests the Secretary-General, when making such proposals, also to take into account areas identified in chapter I of the first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

10. Requests the Secretary-General in making proposals for such savings to ensure the fair, equitable and non-selective treatment of all budget sections;

11. Also requests the Secretary-General, in addition to the biennial budget performance report, to present no later than the end of the fiftieth session and in June 1997 a programme performance report on the impact of approved savings measures on the implementation of mandated programmes and activities;

12. Further requests the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate resources are allocated in the 1996-1997 programme budget for activities specifically relating to the least developed countries in accordance with the priority accorded thereto;

13. Decides that the vacancy rate in 1996-1997 will be 6.4 per cent for both Professional and General Service posts subject to review in the context of the above paragraphs;

III

1. Approves, subject to the modifications below, the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in chapter II of its first report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, 8/ and requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures on them;

2. Decides to consider at its resumed fiftieth session the modalities of the strengthening of the external oversight mechanisms decided upon in its decision 47/454 of 23 December 1992;

Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

3. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Office of the President of the General Assembly is provided with adequate resources;

4. Accepts the level of resources proposed by the Secretary-General for the Advisory Committee;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to keep under review the level of the post of the Executive Secretary of the Board of Auditors, taking into account the increased workload of the Board and General Assembly resolutions 48/218 A and B on the strengthening of the external oversight bodies, and to report thereon in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999;

Section 2. Political affairs

6. Requests the Secretary-General to maintain the Division of Palestinian Rights at its 1994-1995 approved staffing level, to keep the staffing requirements of the Division under review in the light of developments in the Middle East and to report thereon to the General Assembly when necessary;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to keep the resource requirements for the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People under review in the light of developments in the Middle East and to report thereon to the General Assembly when necessary;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate resources are made available to ensure the continuation, as appropriate, of the functions formerly carried out by the Office of the Coordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to review the grade structure of the Department of Political Affairs as recommended in paragraph II.4 of the first report of the Advisory Committee on the proposed programme budget, 8/ as well as the division of responsibilities between the Department of Political Affairs and the Department of Peace-keeping Operations so as to ensure the clear delineation of their respective tasks and to avoid duplication and overlap, as recommended in paragraph II.15 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

10. Decides to keep the level of resources proposed for travel of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples under review in the light of actual expenditure patterns and to make proposals thereon as appropriate in the context of the revised estimates for the biennium 1996-1997;

Section 3. Peace-keeping operations and special missions

11. Takes note of the proposals of the Secretary-General in section 3 of the proposed programme budget relating to the full range of administrative support for ad hoc missions under the good offices of the Secretary-General,

peace-keeping operations and other special and field missions, and the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee;

12. Decides, in this regard, to review the number of posts and the level of appropriation for section 3 by 31 March 1996, in the context of the comprehensive review of the support account for peace-keeping operations;

Section 5. International Court of Justice

13. Requests all relevant entities at The Hague to continue negotiations with the aim of obtaining economies through common administrative services;

14. Accepts the proposal of the Secretary-General, subject to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, for the enlargement of the premises of the International Court of Justice, subject to further review in the context of the savings report called for in paragraph 7 of section II of the present resolution;

Section 6. Legal activities

15. Notes the assurances given by the Secretary-General that adequate resources are available within section 6 of the proposed programme budget to enable the Secretary-General to implement fully the provisions of resolutions 49/60 of 9 December 1994 and 50/53 of 11 December 1995 regarding measures to eliminate international terrorism;

Section 7A. Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development

16. Approves the provision of 500,000 dollars as the United Nations contribution to the financing of the activities of the Non-Governmental Liaison Service;

17. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that there are adequate resources for follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development, held at Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, and the Fourth World Conference on Women, held at Beijing from 4 to 15 September 1995, as well as resources for climate change;

Section 7B. Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development

18. Decides, pursuant to section V of its resolution 49/219 of 23 December 1994, to create a separate identifiable programme budget section for the implementation of activities relating to programme 45 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 as revised by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/214;

19. Decides also to establish one P-5 post and to redeploy from section 26H of the proposed programme budget one General Service post to strengthen the implementation of activities relating to programme 45 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 as revised by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/214;

20. Requests the Secretary-General to review the level of resources devoted to the implementation of activities related to Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development, and to make proposals with a view to strengthening those activities, taking into account General Assembly resolutions 47/214 and 49/142 of 23 December 1994 and the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in paragraph 101 of its report on the work of its thirty-fifth session, 6/ and to report thereon to the Assembly before the end of its fiftieth session;

Section 8. Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis

21. Endorses the proposals of the Secretary-General, as contained in table 8.3 of the proposed programme budget, which already include internal redeployments within the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, and requests the Secretary-General to review the staffing of the Department with a view to achieving efficiency gains, including possible redeployments of posts, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its resumed fiftieth session;

Section 9. Department for Development Support and Management Services

22. Notes with deep concern the sharp decrease in the level of extrabudgetary resources for the Department for Development Support and Management Services, which has had an adverse impact on its ability to carry out mandated activities, and requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to mobilize extrabudgetary resources;

23. Endorses in principle the management objectives stated in the proposal of the Secretary-General;

24. Also endorses the proposal of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 9.25 of the proposed programme budget;

25. Decides that the post and related function proposed in paragraph 9.54 of the proposed programme budget for transfer to New York shall remain in Geneva, pending a comprehensive review by the Secretary-General of the implications of the transfer for programme delivery, and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon as soon as possible, but no later than the resumed fiftieth session, with a view to achieving maximum efficiency;

Section 10A. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

26. Approves the establishment of a P-4 post for the follow-up to the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States as approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/122 of 19 December 1994, and requests the Secretary-General to fill the position on a priority basis;

27. Decides to maintain the D-2 post for transnational corporations activities on a temporary basis;

Section 11. United Nations Environment Programme

28. Defers a decision on the abolition of the P-5 post of energy expert pending a review by the General Assembly, on the basis of information to be provided by the Secretary-General during the resumed fiftieth session, of all posts that as of 29 November 1995 had been vacant since 1 January 1994;

Section 13. Crime control

29. Approves the upgrading of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch to a division and the consequent reclassification of the D-1 post of the Chief of the Branch to the D-2 level;

30. Also approves the establishment of two P-3 posts for activities relating to subprogramme 2, Collaborative action against transnational crime, and subprogramme 3, Crime prevention and criminal justice management, of section 13 of the proposed programme budget;

31. Requests the Secretary-General, in strengthening the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division, to review the adequacy of resources made available for crime prevention activities at the regional level and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

32. Also requests the Secretary-General to report on the status of implementation of the strategic management plan of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division as adopted by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in its resolution 1/1 of 29 April 1992, including, inter alia, those activities that have achieved demonstrable results in combating international crime, assisting international law enforcement or otherwise meeting current mandates of the United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and the Commission;

Section 14. International drug control

33. Endorses the proposal of the Secretary-General to create two additional P-3 posts to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

Section 18. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

34. Endorses the urgent need reflected in paragraph 33.68 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 7/ to study and elaborate, in close cooperation with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, the economic and social impact caused by the production and trafficking of narcotic and psychotropic substances in Latin America and the Caribbean, and approves the creation of one P-4 post through existing classification procedures for activities related to subprogramme 9, Social development, to undertake in close cooperation and coordination with the Programme the functions contained in paragraph 33.69 of the medium-term plan;

Section 20. Regular programme of technical cooperation

35. Approves expenditure under this section at the same level as in 1994-1995;

Section 21. Human rights

36. Reaffirms the role of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in promoting and protecting the realization of all human rights, including the right to development, and in enhancing support from relevant bodies of the United Nations system for this purpose;

37. Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the proposals of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made in the context of the ongoing process of restructuring of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat, to establish in the biennium 1996-1997 a new Branch, the primary responsibilities of which would include the promotion and protection of the right to development;

38. Also requests the Secretary-General to formulate appropriate programmatic follow-up to the activities to be carried out by the Branch, in particular follow-up to the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development 9/ in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 50/183 of 22 December 1995, for inclusion in the next medium-term plan;

39. Decides that the Secretary-General shall report by 31 March 1996 to the General Assembly at its resumed fiftieth session, making proposals on the appropriate level and distribution of resources for the Centre for Human Rights, taking into account paragraphs 36 and 37 above and the restructuring of the Centre;

40. Endorses, pending consideration of the report of the Secretary-General, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee as contained in paragraph VI.11 of its first report on the proposed programme budget; 8/

Section 24. Department of Humanitarian Affairs

41. Endorses the proposal of the Secretary-General on the level of resources assigned to section 24 of the proposed programme budget;

42. Expresses deep concern over the sharp decrease in the level of extrabudgetary resources for the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, which has had an adverse impact on its ability to carry out mandated activities, and requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to mobilize extrabudgetary resources;

9/ Resolution 41/128, annex.

Section 25. Public information

43. Requests the Secretary-General to evaluate the capability and effectiveness of United Nations information centres in the performance of their functions, including, inter alia, retrieval and dissemination of information, taking into account, where accessible, electronic information, and to report thereon to the General Assembly, through the Committee on Information, at the fifty-first session;

44. Also requests the Secretary-General to evaluate the activities of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library with a view to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of its functioning;

45. Further requests the Secretary-General to ensure that internal printing services are used more efficiently, limiting external contracting to cases that are strictly necessary, unless the external contracting provides the same services at a lower cost;

46. Decides that the standards utilized to determine the volume of work and the composition of the staff that provides services to international conferences outside Headquarters should be modified in order to reduce the costs of these activities owing to the utilization of advanced technologies;

47. Takes note of its resolution 50/84 C of 15 December 1995 on public information activities relating to Palestine, and requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources for those activities during the biennium 1996-1997;

48. Reaffirms the importance attached by Member States to the role of the United Nations information centres in effectively and comprehensively disseminating information about United Nations activities, particularly in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide adequate resources to enable them to carry out their mandated activities;

49. Reiterates the continued usefulness of publications of the Department of Public Information in the dissemination of information, and, taking into account paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 50/31 B of 6 December 1995, requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide adequate resources for that purpose;

Section 26. Administration and management

50. Decides to defer the proposal for the allocation of financial and personnel resources for the reform of the internal justice system as proposed in section 26A of the proposed programme budget until the General Assembly takes a decision on this issue;

51. Requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the increased workload of the Fifth Committee, to designate a deputy to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee as soon as possible but no later than the start of the first resumed fiftieth session of the General Assembly;

52. Takes note of the proposal of the Secretary-General in section 26B of the proposed programme budget relating to the Peace-keeping Financing Division and the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee thereon;

53. Decides, in this regard, to review the number of posts and the level of appropriation for section 26B by 31 March 1996, in the context of the comprehensive review of the support account for peace-keeping operations;

54. Decides to maintain the two P-2 Language Coordinator posts and the two full-time language teachers in the Training Service;

55. Requests the Office of Internal Oversight Services to undertake a comprehensive audit of outsourcing practices, including, in particular, the contracting process, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

56. Requests the Secretary-General to consider extending the application of section XVII of General Assembly resolution 36/235 of 18 December 1981, regarding language training for all the main United Nations duty stations, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-first session;

57. Decides to maintain the current 1994-1995 staffing table for Conference and library services, Vienna;

58. Reaffirms the need for a comprehensive, substantive and timely dialogue between Member States and the Secretary-General on administrative and budgetary matters;

59. Notes the assurances given by the Secretary-General that adequate resources are available to ensure the provision of improved meeting arrangements and facilities for the holding of bilateral meetings and contacts among Member States on a similar basis to that provided during the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, during subsequent sessions of the Assembly in 1996 and 1997;

60. Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on section 26H of the proposed programme budget with the exception of the General Service post redeployed to section 7B;

Section 27. Jointly financed administrative activities

61. Requests the International Civil Service Commission to examine and report to the General Assembly on other less costly forms for collecting data on prices and for their studies on the cost of living, including the Office of Human Resources Management, from private and governmental sources, and the possibility of outsourcing;

62. Endorses the request of the Advisory Committee that the Joint Inspection Unit review its practice of allocating travel funds so as to ensure their most efficient use, and recommends that a system of allocating travel funds in accordance with specific studies and activities related to the implementation of the programme of work as approved by the Unit be established;

63. Requests the Joint Inspection Unit to establish appropriate procedures to ensure that the travel system and work procedures referred to in paragraph 61 above are respected;

64. Requests the Secretary-General to fill the existing vacancies in the secretariat of the Joint Inspection Unit as soon as possible and no later than 30 June 1996;

65. Also requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the decision to strengthen external oversight mechanisms, in close cooperation with the Joint Inspection Unit and in conformity with the procedures for consultation with the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to present proposals on strengthening the secretariat of the Unit in the framework of the revised estimates for the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

Section 28. Special expenses

66. Requests the Secretary-General to review and report on the cost of after-service health insurance;

Section 29. Office of Internal Oversight Services

67. Agrees to establish the following posts: two P-3 (Monitoring and inspection), one P-5 (evaluation), one D-1 (investigation), one P-5 (investigation) and one P-3/4 (investigation);

68. Also agrees to establish, on a temporary basis, the rest of the posts as approved by the Advisory Committee, subject to the presentation of the workload analysis and job descriptions;

Section 31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

69. Decides that for the biennium 1996-1997 only essential repairs and construction, the deferral of which would endanger occupational health and safety, leave the Organization in breach of local building regulations or in the longer term not be cost effective, should be carried out and that, as a result, the proposed estimates for alterations, improvements and major maintenance would be reduced by 12 million dollars;

70. Takes note of the assurances given by the Secretariat with regard to the status of implementation of the United Nations construction project at Addis Ababa, and requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to ensure that the project is completed as approved;

Section 33. International Seabed Authority

71. Approves the level of resources for conference servicing of the International Seabed Authority under section 26E of the proposed programme budget;

72. Also approves the level of resources for administrative expenses of the International Seabed Authority recommended by the Advisory Committee on the

understanding that expenditures beyond an amount of 776,000 dollars would, on an exceptional basis, be absorbed under section 31 of the proposed programme budget;

Income section 3

73. Requests the Secretary-General to review the functioning and operation of garages in the main duty stations, taking into account the need to provide sufficient parking facilities, and to submit proposals to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

74. Requests the Office of Internal Oversight Services to examine the management of the catering facilities at Headquarters and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session;

IV

1. Decides that the amounts under expenditure sections 1 to 33 as provided under section III of the present resolution represent a provisional total of 2,712,265,200 dollars;

2. Also decides that the projected level of savings to be achieved during the biennium will be 103,991,200 dollars;

3. Further decides that the total level of expenditure provided for in 1996-1997 is 2,608,274,000 dollars;

4. Decides therefore that Member States be assessed on the basis of the amount of 2,608,274,000 dollars for the biennium 1996-1997.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

A

Budget appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1996-1997:

1. Appropriations totalling 2,608,274,000 United States dollars are hereby approved for the following purposes:

	Section	US dollars
PART I.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	
	1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	40 348 200
	Total, part I	40 348 200
PART II.	Political affairs	
	2. Political affairs	60 989 500
	3. Peace-keeping operations and special missions	102 868 200
	4. Outer space affairs	4 705 500
	Total, part II	168 563 200
PART III.	International justice and law	
	5. International Court of Justice	21 339 600
	6. Legal activities	31 605 400
	Total, part III	52 945 000
PART IV.	International cooperation for development	
	7A. Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development	44 318 700
	7B. Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development	4 305 100
	8. Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis	48 612 100

	Section	US dollars
	9. Department for Development Support and Management Services	26 556 000
	10A. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	121 925 300
	10B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT	21 642 000
	11. United Nations Environment Programme	9 512 200
	12. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)	13 059 600
	13. Crime control	5 254 600
	14. International drug control	17 344 100
	Total, part IV	312 529 700
PART V.	Regional cooperation for development	
	15. Economic Commission for Africa	87 845 600
	16. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	66 379 300
	17. Economic Commission for Europe	52 883 100
	18. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	88 327 200
	19. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	37 791 200
	20. Regular programme of technical cooperation	44 814 700
	Total, part V	378 041 100
PART VI.	Human rights and humanitarian affairs	
	21. Human rights	52 987 600
	22. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	54 318 500
	23. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	22 643 000
	24. Department of Humanitarian Affairs	21 039 300
	Total, part VI	150 988 400

	Section	US dollars
PART VII.	Public information	
	25. Public information	137 658 000
	Total, part VII	137 658 000
PART VIII.	Common support services	
	26. Administration and management	960 885 100
	Total, part VIII	960 885 100
PART IX.	Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses	
	27. Jointly financed administrative activities	28 915 000
	28. Special expenses	41 701 700
	Total, part IX	70 616 700
PART X.	Office of Internal Oversight Services	
	29. Office of Internal Oversight Services	15 716 500
	Total, part X	15 716 500
PART XI.	Capital expenditures	
	30. Technological innovations	21 999 600
	31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	31 585 400
	Total, part XI	53 585 000
PART XII.	Staff assessment	
	32. Staff assessment	369 080 100
	Total, part XII	369 080 100
PART XIII.	International Seabed Authority	
	33. International Seabed Authority	1 308 200
	Total, part XIII	1 308 200
	Total, expenditure sections	2 712 265 200
	Less: anticipated reductions to be confirmed by the General Assembly	(103 991 200)
	GRAND TOTAL	2 608 274 000

/...

2. The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

3. The total net provision made under the various sections of the budget for contractual printing shall be administered as a unit under the direction of the United Nations Publications Board;

4. In addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, an amount of 51,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 1996-1997 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

B

Income estimates for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1996-1997:

1. Estimates of income other than assessments on Member States totalling 480,901,700 United States dollars are approved as follows:

Income section		US dollars
1.	Income from staff assessment	384 306 000
2.	General income	86 209 200
3.	Services to the public	886 500
	Total, income sections	471 401 700

2. The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

3. Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

C

Financing of appropriations for the year 1996

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1996:

1. Budget appropriations consisting of 1,304,137,000 United States dollars, being half of the appropriations of 2,608,274,000 dollars approved for the biennium 1996-1997 by the General Assembly under paragraph 1 of resolution A above, and 24,160,900 dollars, being the increase in revised appropriations for 1994-1995 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 50/205 A, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations as follows:

(a) 43,547,850 dollars, being the net of half of the estimated income other than staff assessment approved for the biennium 1996-1997 under resolution B above, less 946,800 dollars, being the decrease in income other than staff assessment for 1994-1995;

(b) 1,285,696,850 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994 on the scale of assessments for the years 1996 and 1997;

2. There shall be set off against the assessments on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 197,885,900 dollars, consisting of 192,153,000 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the biennium 1996-1997 under resolution B above, and 5,732,900 dollars, being the increase in the income from staff assessment for the biennium 1994-1995 approved by the Assembly in its resolution 50/205 B.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Special subjects relating to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly

I

United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary General 10/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 11/

2. Approves the estimate of 7,124,800 United States dollars for the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala for the period from 1 January to 31 March 1996, under section 3, Peace-keeping operations and special missions, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997; 12/

3. Authorizes the Secretary General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding a monthly level of 2,329,700 dollars should the mandate of the Mission be extended beyond 31 March 1996;

II

Revised estimates under section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, section 32, Staff assessment, and income section 1, Income from staff assessment

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates under section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, section 32, Staff assessment, and income section 1, Income from staff assessment, 13/ of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997; 12/

2. Endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 14/ to approve a temporary post at the

---

10/ A/C.5/50/26.

11/ A/50/7/Add.9.

12/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6/Rev.1), vols. I and II.

13/ A/C.5/50/40.

14/ A/50/7/Add.10, para. 6.

Under-Secretary-General level, as requested by the Secretary-General, and that such additional appropriation as might be required should be reflected in the performance report for the biennium 1996-1997;

III

Integrated Management Information System project: seventh progress report of the Secretary-General

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 15/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

IV

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 16/

2. Approves the recommendation thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report; 17/

3. Requests the Secretary-General to address the issues raised by the Advisory Committee concerning the conditions of service of members of the International Court of Justice in the context of the next review, at the fifty-third session of the General Assembly;

V

Request for subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute contained in the report of the Board 18/

Approves the recommendation of a subvention of 220,000 dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1996, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 2, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997; 12/

15/ A/C.5/50/35.

16/ A/C.5/50/18.

17/ A/50/7/Add.11, para. 14.

18/ A/50/416, annex II, para. 48.

VI

Conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; 19/

2. Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to report thereon to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed fiftieth session, in accordance with established procedures;

VII

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

Having considered the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for 1995 to the General Assembly and to the member organizations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, 20/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 21/

1. Concurs with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

2. Approves expenses, chargeable directly to the Fund, totalling 40,208,300 dollars net for the biennium 1996-1997 and an increase in expenses of 835,500 dollars net for the biennium 1994-1995, for the administration of the Fund;

3. Authorizes the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to supplement the voluntary contributions to the Emergency Fund for the biennium 1996-1997 by an amount not exceeding 200,000 dollars;

VIII

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 19,427,000 dollars remains in the contingency fund;

19/ A/C.5/50/12.

20/ A/50/312.

21/ A/50/7/Add.1.

IX

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses

Decides to consider the report of the Secretary-General 22/ at its resumed fiftieth session, and pending a decision on the proposal by the Secretary-General, to authorize him to continue with the current arrangements until a decision is taken on the basis of the report of the Advisory Committee.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly

1. Authorizes the Secretary-General, with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and subject to the Financial Regulations of the United Nations and the provisions of paragraph 3 below, to enter into commitments in the biennium 1996-1997 to meet unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising either during or subsequent to the biennium, provided that the concurrence of the Advisory Committee shall not be necessary for:

(a) Such commitments, not exceeding a total of 5 million United States dollars in any one year of the biennium 1996-1997, as the Secretary-General certifies relate to the maintenance of peace and security;

(b) Such commitments as the President of the International Court of Justice certifies relate to expenses occasioned by:

(i) The designation of ad hoc judges (Statute of the International Court of Justice, Article 31), not exceeding a total of 300,000 dollars;

(ii) The calling of witnesses and the appointment of experts (Statute, Article 50), and the appointment of assessors (Statute, Article 30), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

(iii) The maintenance in office for the completion of cases of judges who have not been re-elected (Statute, Article 13, paragraph 3), not exceeding a total of 40,000 dollars;

(iv) The payment of pensions and travel and removal expenses of retiring judges, and travel and removal expenses and installation grant of members of the Court (Statute, Article 32, paragraph 7), not exceeding a total of 180,000 dollars;

(v) The work of the Court or its Chambers away from The Hague (Statute, Article 22), not exceeding a total of 50,000 dollars;

22/ A/C.5/50/30.

2. Resolves that the Secretary-General shall report to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and to the General Assembly at its fifty-first and fifty-second sessions all commitments made under the provisions of the present resolution, together with the circumstances relating thereto, and shall submit supplementary estimates to the Assembly in respect of such commitments;

3. Decides that, for the biennium 1996-1997, if a decision of the Security Council results in the need for the Secretary-General to enter into commitments relating to the maintenance of peace and security in an amount exceeding 10 million dollars in respect of the decision, that matter shall be brought to the General Assembly, or, if the Assembly is suspended or not in session, a resumed or special session of the Assembly shall be convened by the Secretary-General to consider the matter.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly

Resolves that:

1. The Working Capital Fund shall be established for the biennium 1996-1997 in the amount of 100 million United States dollars;

2. Member States shall make advances to the Working Capital Fund in accordance with the scale adopted by the General Assembly for contributions of Member States to the budget for the year 1996;

3. There shall be set off against this allocation of advances:

(a) Credits to Member States resulting from transfers made in 1959 and 1960 from the surplus account to the Working Capital Fund in an adjusted amount of 1,025,092 dollars;

(b) Cash advances paid by Member States to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1994-1995 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/232 of 23 December 1993;

4. Should the credits and advances paid by any Member State to the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1994-1995 exceed the amount of that Member State's advance under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, the excess shall be set off against the amount of the contributions payable by the Member State in respect of the biennium 1996-1997;

5. The Secretary-General is authorized to advance from the Working Capital Fund:

(a) Such sums as may be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose;

(b) Such sums as may be necessary to finance commitments that may be duly authorized under the provisions of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, in particular resolution 50/217 of 23 December 1995 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates for reimbursing the Working Capital Fund;

(c) Such sums as may be necessary to continue the revolving fund to finance miscellaneous self-liquidating purchases and activities which, together with net sums outstanding for the same purpose, do not exceed 200,000 dollars; advances in excess of the total of 200,000 dollars may be made with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(d) With the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, such sums as may be required to finance payments of advance insurance premiums where the period of insurance extends beyond the end of the biennium in which payment is made; the Secretary-General shall make provision in the budget estimates of each biennium, during the life of the related policies, to cover the charges applicable to each biennium;

(e) Such sums as may be necessary to enable the Tax Equalization Fund to meet current commitments pending the accumulation of credits; such advances shall be repaid as soon as credits are available in the Tax Equalization Fund;

6. Should the provision in paragraph 1 above prove inadequate to meet the purposes normally related to the Working Capital Fund, the Secretary-General is authorized to utilize, in the biennium 1996-1997, cash from special funds and accounts in his custody, under the conditions approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 1341 (XIII) of 13 December 1958, or the proceeds of loans authorized by the Assembly.